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**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING CHARACTERISTICS OF  
A SAMPLE LIQUID INCLUDING A PLURALITY OF SUBSTANCES

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